

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 7-11 are active in this application. Claims 1-6 have been canceled. New Claims 7-11 have been added. No new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Shaffer et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,092,114, hereinafter Shaffer), and Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shaffer in view of Hirono (U.S. Pat. No. 6,263,343).

Claims 1-6 have been canceled and replaced by new Claims 7-11. Claim 7, directed to a conversion server used in a multimedia providing system including a server and a multimedia terminal, is supported by the non-limiting embodiments represented in Fig. 2, 8, 11, 12, and 13, together with the corresponding descriptions in the specification. Claims 8-10 further specify the conversion server recited in Claim 7, and are supported by Fig. 3 and 4 and the corresponding descriptions in specification. Claim 11 recites a multimedia providing system including a server, a conversion server and a multimedia terminal, and is supported by Fig. 1 and the corresponding description which presents a non-limiting embodiment of the multimedia providing system, by Fig. 2, 8, 11, 12, and 13 and their corresponding descriptions representing non-limiting embodiments of the conversion server, and by Fig. 6, 7, 10, 14, 15, and 16 and the corresponding descriptions representing non-limiting embodiments of the multimedia terminal.

Claim 7 recites a conversion server including two interfaces namely, "a first interface configured to interface the internet and receive markup language data and a multimedia content by using the internet protocol from the server," and "a second interface configured to communicate with the multimedia terminal through a circuit switched network." The

conversion server further includes “means for converting the markup language data and the multimedia content into a format used by videophone communication, wherein the converted markup language data and the converted multimedia content are output to the multimedia terminal through the second interface.”

Shaffer discloses a method and system for exchanging email messages having a file attachment. When the attached file is not accessible because the file’s format is not supported by the receiver (i.e., the attached file is not compatible), a request for format conversion is transmitted to a local format converter via local router/server. If the local format converter is not able to perform the conversion, the format conversion request is transmitted to a remote format converter via a remote router/server (see Fig. 1).

In regard to Claim 7, Shaffer does not teach or suggest the conversion server including two interfaces. In Shaffer, the format converters (30 or 32, Fig. 1) have only one interface, being interfaced only with the local router/server (12, Fig. 1) or only with the remote router/server (26, Fig. 1). Moreover, Shaffer does not disclose that the conversion server includes “means for converting the markup language data and the multimedia content into a format used by videophone communication, wherein the converted markup language data and the converted multimedia content are output to the multimedia terminal through the second interface.”

Hirono discloses a system for providing and linking regularly updated geographic information, with a position on the map. Hirono does not cure the above identified deficiencies of Shaffer in teaching or suggesting all the elements of the claimed invention.

Applicant respectfully submits independent Claim 7 and all claims depending therefrom, are not anticipated by the asserted prior art because the cited references,

individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest all the elements and features of the invention.¹

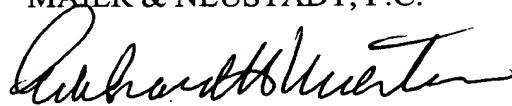
The above arguments relative to the conversion server distinguishably defined over prior art, also apply to the conversion server as part of the multimedia providing system recited in Claim 11. Additional aspects regarding power consumption and transmission capacity are solved by Applicant's invention, as described in the specification.²

In light of the above discussion, Applicant respectfully submits Claim 11 is patentably defined over the cited prior art.

Accordingly, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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¹ MPEP § 2142 "...the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. The teaching or suggestion to make the claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art, and not based on applicant's disclosure. In re Vaeck, 947 F.2d 488, 20 USPQ2d 1438 (Fed. Cir. 1991)."

² Specification, at page 42, lines 12-15.